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LAND CONSERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE

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LAND CONSERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Monday, February 22, 2016

6:00 pm

(PD&T to Follow)

Room 161, UW Extension

1150 Bellevue Street

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COMMITTEE MAY TAKE ACTION ON
ANY ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

- I. Call Meeting to Order.
- II. Approve/Modify Agenda.
- III. Approve/Modify Minutes of January 25, 2016.

Comments from the Public

1. Departmental Openings Summary.
2. Director's Report.

Other

3. Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law.
4. Adjourn.

Norb Dantine, Jr., Chair

Notice is hereby given that action by the Committee may be taken on any of the items which are described or listed in this agenda.

Please take notice that it is possible additional members of the Board of Supervisors may attend this meeting, resulting in a majority or quorum of the Board of Supervisors. This may constitute a meeting of the Board of Supervisors for purposes of discussion and information gathering relative to this agenda.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 18.94 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Land Conservation Subcommittee** was held on Monday, January 25, 2016 in Room 161, UW Extension, 1150 Bellevue Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Present: Chairman Dantine, Supervisors Bernie Erickson, Tom Sieber, Dave Kaster, Dave Landwehr and Citizen Rep Jeff Ronsman

Also Present: Mike Mushinski and other interested parties.

I. Call Meeting to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Norb Dantine at 6:00 pm

II. Approve/Modify Agenda.

Motion made by Supervisor Kaster, seconded by Supervisor Erickson to approve. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

III. Approve/Modify Minutes of November 30, 2016.

Motion made by Supervisor Sieber, seconded by Supervisor Landwehr to approve. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Comments from the Public. None.

1. Budget Status Financial Report for November, 2015.

Land Conservationist Mike Mushinski informed that they were in good financial shape.

Motion made by Supervisor Sieber, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to receive and place on file. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2. Departmental Opening Summary.

Mushinski indicated that they had one Agronomist position open. He was working to get a contract that would fund the position for 3.5 years. In the next couple months they should have a contract, set up the funding and look to start hiring that person.

Motion made by Supervisor Landwehr, seconded by Supervisor Sieber to receive and place on file. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. Director's Report.

Mushinski provided an aerial photo of the Reforestation Camp, either in the late 60s or 70s, Hallers Creek was routed into the pond and there was a weir that controlled the outlet of the pond. It was a complete fish impediment so one of their projects was to reroute part of the water flow and make a fish by passer around the pond. There were about 300 acres of wetlands upstream that fish should be able to get to once they did this. There were also four culverts that they were going to replace upstream. Brown County Purchasing awarded the bid for the project to Duame Sand and Gravel, Inc. for \$17,280.00. Everything should be completed mid-February.

Responding to Landwehr, 50% of the funds for this project came from a National Fish and Wildlife Federation grant, the other 50% was from NRDA, damage assessment from the paper mills. This was

part of their Pike Project. The existing ponds would still be there and part of the water would still route into the second pond. Water did originally flow into the big pond but years ago it failed. The first pond was groundwater fed. The second pond, they were only taking part of the water, it was a two foot culvert, and so whatever didn't fit through the two foot culvert was going to go back into the pond. It would flow both ways. Landwehr forewarned to expect algae covering the pond to be an issue a year from now. Mushinski responded that they were hoping it wouldn't happen. On the culvert, there was a gate so they could shut the bypass off so whatever water would go through the pond. Most of it was going to be spring (March, April, and May) and if parks needed to shut the gate off, they could shut it off and put all the water back through the weir. They had been struggling with this for five years as all the issues were very complicated. Erickson informed that if they were able to aerate it it would help prevent the algae; however there was a cost to aerate.

Mushinski referred to the YouTube video link that he sent to the committee regarding the Pike Restoration Project: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SelwQL4cvXM&feature=youtu.bea> They were going to use it to solicit for corporate sponsors for their Pike Project 2.

Mushinski informed that their annual certification letter and fact sheets on conservation standards both state and county went out (attached). Everyone who was in Farmland Preservation/Working Lands in Brown County received one. It certified that they were in compliance. A handout regarding the Demonstration Farms Network was also sent out (attached).

Mushinski informed that they had been involved in a farmer luncheon and round table (draft agendas attached).

One of the steps in the Land and Water plan was to create a Citizens Advisory Committee (letter attached); they were in the process of committing that. They had five producers, duck hunters and possibly Trout Unlimited and sports fisherman. The two dates for the Citizens Advisory Committee meeting were February 10th and March 10th in Kimberly. The whole Land and Water Plan was going to be looking at local goals, needs and resources, this committee would guide them in that process.

Mushinski suggested a tour in March of their flight netting and flag tagging efforts in the local tributaries. They will have four large nets out this year and three small. They found some nice populations of fish which was guiding their restoration efforts around here.

Motion made by Supervisor Landwehr, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Other

4. Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law.

Mushinski informed that they had a new FSA member, Jeff Ronsman.

5. Adjourn.

Motion made by Supervisor Erickson, seconded by Supervisor Sieber to adjourn at 6:13 p.m. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia A. Loehlein
Recording Secretary

Departmental Openings Summary
To: Land Conservation Committee
From: Land & Water Conservation Department

1-Feb-16

Position	Vacancy Date	Reason for Leaving	Fill or Hold	Unfilled Reason
Agronomist	Current	N/A	hold	grant funding not 100%

Ex: Transfer, Wage, Working Conditions